



Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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EOPSS Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

Application for the CY 2010 DWI Court Training Initiative

Application Deadline: October 30, 2009

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security is now accepting applications for the Calendar Year 2010 Driving While Impaired (DWI) Court Training Initiative offered through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This national training initiative is designed to assist communities develop DWI Court programs and is conducted in cooperation with the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC), a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. Under this initiative, communities will be selected to participate in a facilitated planning process that will begin in March 2010. This re-posting is limited to two applicants.

For more information, contact Cindy Campbell, Highway Safety Division at 617.725.3351 or Cynthia.Campbell@state.ma.us.

FFY 2009 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Application for Grant Funding (AGF)

Application Deadline: December 18, 2009

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of approximately \$1,233,720 in funds to continue the practice of having one (1) fiduciary agent to perform the management, administrative, and planning duties associated with all four of the Massachusetts Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council's Federal Fiscal Year 2009 SHSP funding. Eligible applicants include entities that are considered "local units of government" who have, or who can develop and sustain, the capacity to perform the associated management and administration and planning duties associated with SHSP funding on a statewide basis.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding (click on Homeland Security) or contact Jeff.Timperi@state.ma.us.

Research and Publications

Criminal Victimization, 2008

Using data collected through the National Crime Victimization Survey, this Bureau of Justice Statistics report presents findings on the rates and levels of personal and property victimization from 1999 through 2008. The report includes data on violent crimes (rape/sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault and simple assault), property crimes (burglary, motor vehicle theft and property theft), personal theft (pocket picking and purse snatching), and the characteristics of victims of these crimes. Also included in the report are estimates of intimate partner violent crime and the use of weapons in the commission of violent crime.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cv08.pdf>.

Crime Against People with Disabilities, 2007

Using data collected through the National Crime Victimization Survey, this Bureau of Justice Statistics report details findings on nonfatal violent victimization (rape/sexual assault, robbery, aggravated and simple assault) and property crime (burglary, motor vehicle theft, theft) experienced by persons with disabilities in 2007. The report includes victim and crime characteristics of persons with and without disabilities, including age, race and gender distribution; offender weapon use; victim injuries; and reporting to the police.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/capd07.pdf>.

Female Victims of Violence

Using data collected through the National Crime Victimization Survey and the Uniform Crime Reporting Program's Supplementary Homicide Report, this Bureau of Justice Statistics report presents findings on nonfatal and fatal violent crimes committed against females. The report focuses specifically on intimate partner violence and stalking. The report includes characteristics of crimes and victims, as well as comparative statistics of crimes against males.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/fvv.pdf>.

Contract Bench and Jury Trials in State Courts, 2005

This report, published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, provides an overview of contract cases disposed of by a bench or jury trial in a nationally representative sample of jurisdictions in 2005. Topics include: types of cases that proceed to trial, differences between the types of cases decided by judges or juries, types of plaintiffs and defendants represented in civil trials, plaintiff win rates, damage awards, and post-trial activity.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cbajts05.pdf>.

Back on Track: A Problem-Solving Reentry Court

This Bureau of Justice Assistance fact sheet provides a brief overview of "Back on Track," a reentry court initiative. This new approach is designed for prosecutors who want to redirect low-level, non-addicted drug sellers away from incarceration.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/BackonTrackFS.pdf>.

Mental Health Courts: A Guide to Research-Informed Policy and Practice

Supported by the MacArthur Foundation and the Council of State Governments Justice Center, this guide is intended to help policymakers and practitioners assess the benefit of mental health courts through discussion and evaluation of available research. The guide includes reviews of research on mental health courts as well as current research questions.

Access full text at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/CSG_MHC_Research.pdf.

The BJA/PERF Body Armor National Survey: Protecting the Nation's Law Enforcement Officers

Published by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Police Executive Research Forum, this report presents findings from a 2007 survey of law enforcement agencies on their policies and practices regarding body armor. This survey was the first to poll the nation's local and state law enforcement agencies on policies and practices regarding body armor. The goal of the study was to ascertain whether additional steps could be taken to improve the safety of law enforcement officers.

Access full text at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/PERF_BodyArmor.pdf.

The Effect of Criminal Justice Involvement in the Transition to Adulthood

Supported by a grant from the National Institute of Justice, this report presents findings from a study on the causal effect of criminal justice involvement in the late teens and early twenties on later status attainment. The report is based on data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997, a nationally representative sample of youth born between 1980 and 1984 and living in the United States during 1997. The study focused on three different kinds of criminal justice sanctions: arrest, conviction, and incarceration.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/228380.pdf>.

Reducing Disproportionate Minority Contact: Preparation at the Local Level

This bulletin, published by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is a companion to the latest edition of the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Technical Assistance Manual. The bulletin summarizes useful “how to” information drawn from the manual and includes strategies that States and communities can use to reduce DMC.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/218861.pdf>.

NIJ Helps Police to Exchange Driver's License Photos

This report, recently released by National Institute of Justice (NIJ), provides a brief overview of a pilot project to transmit driver's license photographs across state lines to a law enforcement officer's computer within seconds of a request. The project is currently conducted by law enforcement agencies in North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/225801.pdf>.

Conferences and Trainings

Moving Together 2009

October 14, 2009 in Boston, MA

Sponsored by the Executive Office of Transportation and Public Works, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, MassHighway, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Public Health, the Highway Safety Division, and the Federal Highway Administration, this day-long annual statewide bicycling and walking conference will feature up-to-date workshops and exhibits focusing on improving bicycling and walking conditions locally, regionally, and statewide. The conference will take place at the Courtyard Boston Hotel on 275 Tremont Street, Boston, MA. Registration fee is \$50 (\$60 at the door) and includes workshops, conference materials, continental breakfast, and lunch.

For more information: please contact Baystate Roads at (413) 545-2604 or register online at www.baystateroads.org/mt/mt2009.

Domestic Violence Roundtable Program: Malden/Somerville Series

October 14, 2009 in Malden, MA

Sponsored by the Office of Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone, this roundtable will focus on “Seeking Community Solutions: A Survivor Speaks Out.” The Keynote speaker will be William Kellibrew, nationally acclaimed anti-violence educator.

For additional information: please contact Shawn MacMaster at (781) 897-8462 or Shawn.MacMaster@state.ma.us.

Workshop: CyberBullying Train-the-Trainer

October 15, 2009 in Bridgewater, MA

Presented by the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center, this event will provide trainers with training procedure and all content, enabling them to train their colleagues. The \$20 registration fee includes PDFs and all take-back materials.

For more information: www.MARCcenter.org or call 508-531-1784.

Building a United Response: Services for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence
October 20, 2009 in Boston, MA

Sponsored by the Multicultural Immigrant Coalition Against Violence (MICAV), this training will focus on effective responses to barriers facing immigrant survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The information provided will include remarks from an immigrant survivor of domestic violence; Richard Chacon, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants; and a MICAV member panel presenting on best practices for collaborating among domestic violence, housing, and legal advocates.

For more information: contact Katia Santiago-Taylor, Victim Services Coordinator at MOVA, at Katia.Santiago-Taylor@state.ma.us.

BJS/JRSA 2009 National Conference
October 22-23 in St. Louis, MO

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the Justice Research and Statistics Association, this conference will focus on the latest in data and research, including discussions on ways to improve the quality of criminal justice data and research, and how to promote the use of statistics and research to inform policy development. Panel topics include: community corrections, domestic violence, mentally ill offenders, reentry, recidivism, sentencing, stalking and sexual assault, substance abuse, tribal data, and victimization. The conference will also feature a discussion of how states use risk/needs assessment instruments to manage corrections populations and examine issues like prison overcrowding, diversion, alternative sanctions, and sentencing practices.

For more information: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>.

19th Annual Multi-Disciplinary National Conference on Domestic Violence
October 31- November 4, 2009 in San Antonio, TX

Sponsored by the National District Attorneys Association, this conference offers a variety of lectures, workshops, and discussion groups designed to address current issues in the investigation, prosecution, research, provision of services, development of sentencing options, and post sentencing measures in domestic violence cases. New topics this year include: use of technology by defendants; teen dating violence; community coordinated response complex issues; and protecting the victim's character.

For more information: http://www.ndaa.org/ncda/ncda_course_domestic_violence_09.php.

2009 National Training Conference for Criminal Justice and Community Leaders
November 4-6, 2009 in Green Bay, WI

Sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Council, Fox Valley Technical College, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, this conference will continue to focus on fortifying relationships between tribal and non-tribal law enforcement agencies and will also include discussions on improving working relationships with social service agencies, the court system, educators, gaming security personnel, and community leaders. The theme of this year's conference will be "Working Together to Serve Better."

For more information: <http://www.fvtc.edu/public/content.aspx?ID=1237&PID=1>.

61st Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology

November 4-7, 2009 in Philadelphia, PA

Sponsored by the American Society of Criminology, the purpose of this conference is to provide criminal justice professionals with a forum to present research findings related to criminal justice topics, as well as new directions for policy and research. The theme for this year's meeting is Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy.

For more information: <http://www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm>.

Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA) 33rd National Conference

November 5-7, 2009 in Bethesda, MD

Sponsored by the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse, this conference is known for its strong focus on substance abuse education and high quality workshops and presentations. The goal of this conference is to assemble both researchers and health professional educators to learn about scientific advances and new teaching approaches.

For more information: <http://www.amersa.org/conf.asp>.

Conference: Reducing Bullying in Athletics

November 12, 2009 in Bridgewater, MA

Presented by the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center, this conference will examine methods to reduce bullying in athletics. A model program in Worcester, MA will be discussed in detail and the keynote speaker will be Bob Bigelow, former Celtic and author of *Just Let Them Play*. The registration fee of \$60 includes breakfast, lunch, PDPs and all take-back materials.

For more information: www.MARCCenter.org or call 508-531-1784.

News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

Prisons Facing \$100m in Cuts

***The Boston Globe*, September 11, 2009**

According to *The Boston Globe*, the state's prison system is weighing close to \$100 million in budget cuts that could force widescale layoffs and the closure of several facilities at a time of growing fears over inmate overcrowding. Harold W. Clarke, commissioner of the Department of Correction, outlined the bleak fiscal scenario, and its potentially drastic consequences, at a meeting between top prison managers and union leaders. Clarke told union officials the state is considering closing as many as four prisons and laying off 300 employees. The Patrick administration expects to make preliminary decisions on closings and layoffs next month, he said.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/09/11/massachusetts_prisons_face_nearly_100m_in_budget_cuts/.

SJC Sharply Limits Youth Curfew Law

***The Boston Globe*, September 26, 2009**

According to *The Boston Globe*, the state's highest court struck down a provision in a Lowell ordinance that made it a crime for children under 17 to violate a curfew, a ruling expected to affect other Massachusetts communities that have adopted or are considering similar local laws. The Supreme Judicial Court said the criminal penalties minors faced for violating the 1994 law, including arrest and potential commitment to the custody of the Department of Youth Services, were too broad to pass constitutional muster, even if the city had legitimate public safety goals. The court, however, left intact civil penalties for violators of the ordinance, which requires juveniles to be home from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., with some exceptions. Those penalties are a \$50 fine and a notice to parents or guardians.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/09/26/sjc_sharply_limits_youth_curfew_law/.

Thin Blue Lie

***The Boston Herald*, September 27, 2009**

Vowing to bolster his department's legitimacy in the eyes of the public, Boston Police Commissioner Edward F. Davis is finalizing a new policy that allows him to fire any cop caught lying in the line of duty, reports *The Boston Herald*. The policy comes in the wake of high-profile lying cases that have led to civil suits, tarnished the BPD's reputation, left a trail of victims and undermined the department's community standing. The proposed "bright line" policy would be one of the toughest in the nation and has riled at least one national union. Nonetheless, Davis said the effort has passed the city's legal review and he hopes to implement it as soon as possible.

Access full text at: http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20090927thin_blue_lie_bpd_boss_to_cops_tell_truth_or_face_consequences/srvc=home&position=0.

Agencies Halt Their Immigrant Scrutiny

***The Boston Globe*, October 2, 2009**

Two Massachusetts law enforcement agencies have halted a controversial program that authorized them to enforce federal immigration laws, thrilling advocates for immigrants but drawing criticism from those seeking tougher restrictions, reports *The Boston Globe*. The Framingham Police Department pulled out because the federal government had urged the force to detain and deport immigrants more aggressively, and the chief feared that would erode trust in the community. The Barnstable County Sheriff's Office said federal officials suspended their involvement a few months ago, leaving the state's Department of Correction as the only participating unit in Massachusetts. The program, known formally as 287(g), grants state and local law enforcement agencies the power to enforce federal immigration laws after they sign an agreement with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement and undergo training.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/10/02/agencies_halt_their_immigrant_scrutiny/.

Announcement

Perceptions of Racial and Ethnic Overrepresentation in the Juvenile Justice System Study

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) has prepared a short survey for people who work at least partly in the juvenile justice system. The goal of this survey is to gather information that will provide Massachusetts with a better understanding of the racial and ethnic disparities in the Massachusetts juvenile justice system. The results will be used by the JJAC to advise the Governor and Legislature on juvenile justice issues, garner insight into how best to spend federal discretionary funds in Massachusetts, and ensure Massachusetts' compliance with the mandates of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Please note that the surveys are confidential and that no identifying information will be shared. The survey will close on October 30, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Polk, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, at 617-725-3364 or andrew.polk@state.ma.us.

To access the survey:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rpku_2fpNGYzWIvy4ceeRkA_3d_3d.

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